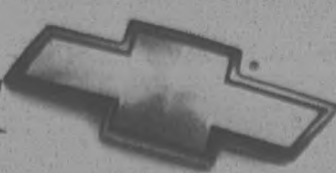


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## Elba School Board hears proposal to terminate agribusiness program

by Fern Cox, Publisher

Emotions were high Tuesday evening at the monthly meeting of the Elba High School Board. What is normally a short, very routine "going through the motions" of paying the bills,



A HOST of Elba High School agribusiness students were in attendance at the Tuesday evening school board meeting (standing just outside the board room) to learn the fate of their program. Many showed their support by wearing shirts embossed with the FFA emblem.

## County BOE holds off on buying new textbooks

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education entertained recommendations from the textbook committee during its regular monthly meeting Thursday, April 4.

Tom Moates, textbook coordinator for the system, addressed the board with recommendations from the textbook committee, and he said the committee worked extremely hard this year in coming up with its recommendations for the science textbooks.

Moates said he has been the coordinator for the school system over the past 12 years, and he remembers the last time the science cycle came about six years ago. He said the teachers did not like the books that were chosen.

"I have nothing to do with the selection. All I do is coordinate," he said. "However, all the science teachers in the school system are involved in this process." Moates said if the board approved the recommendations of the committee and the school system was able to purchase some of the books, they will be used for six years.

"The Glencoe book was popular with all the teachers with the exception of the Biology book in which they liked the Holt book," he said in reference to the 6-12

grades.

In regards to evolution, Moates said he has looked at some of the books, and they all mention evolution. However, he said the Glencoe books seemed to be the most conservative on the issue.

"You can count on the teachers in the Coffee County School System to present this (evolution) in a manner you will be proud of," he said.

Moving on to elementary education (K-5), Moates said committee also chose the Glencoe division which is the McGraw-Hill books.

"Tonight, I want to ask you to adopt all the books on the state's list every science book," he said. "That way we can keep the extras as resources."

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram said the school system had flexed some textbook muscles this year to pay other things, therefore the purchase of any books would require the system to pay for them out of local funds.

"I recommend we adopt the state's list but not purchase any books until we see what the legislature is going to do," he said.

A motion was made to this effect and passed by a unanimous vote of the board.

While handling personnel mat-

ter, the board approved the

retirement of three employees which covers a span of 64 years of service.

This included JoAnne Jones, a fifth grade teacher at Zion Chapel Elementary School, who has taught in the school system for 31 years. The board also accepted the retirement of JoAnn Bess and Doris N. Weeks. Bess has 23 years of service with the school system and Weeks has 10 years of service. They each retire from Kingston High School as Child Nutrition Program workers.

Other personnel matters approved include administrative leave for Linda Lawrence, New Brockton Elementary School teacher, and resignation of Amber Lambert, New Brockton High School support staff.

Mr. Jacob Davis, Agriscience instructor at Elba High School, "he terminated on the grounds of a justifiable decrease in jobs in the system."

If it accepts the recommendation, the board should adopt a motion proposing to terminate the employment of Mr. Davis and direct that notice in writing be given to him stating in detail the reason for the proposed termination of his employment and informing him that in order to contest said termination he must file with the board through the

Superintendent within fifteen (15) days after receipt of such notice, notice of an intention to contest the termination of his employment."

Board Chairman Daniel Stephens explained the procedure for citizens to address the board and asked if anyone wanted to speak on this matter.

A group of community leaders, all interested in the agribusiness program, and about a dozen ag students attended this board meeting. The only two to address the issue before the board were

Hubert Ray Bryan and Jimmy Tillis.

Bryan opened the discussion by establishing himself as a graduate of Elba High School System and that his two children were also graduates of the system, and the agriculture program. He reminded board members that he also serves on the advisory board for the ag department. Bryan told the board members that this group

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## Work begins on Ballard Bridge project



Work began Tuesday, April 16, on the replacement of Ballard Bridge over Pea River on Alabama Highway 134 in Coffee County between the Ito and Perry's Store communities. According to the Alabama Department of Transportation, McInnis, LLC, a contractor for the State of Alabama, is handling the work process. Motorists are urged to use extreme caution while driving through the project area and can expect lane shifts as well as work directly adjacent to the travel way. DOT officials said all necessary safety and traffic control devices will be utilized, and the speed limit will be reduced to 45 miles per hour for the duration of the project. Also, motorists are reminded that speeding fines are doubled in construction zones. As of Tuesday morning, traffic continued to flow with only delay, but that is expected to change as the project progresses. In case of questions or emergencies, contact the following: David Jewell, (334) 264-3474; Buddy Skipper, (334) 606-9397; Lowell Lowery, (334) 565-3751 or Mark Graham (334) 347-8166 or 347-8105.

## Dyess seeking Coffee County Board of Education District One seat

its financial stability, especially during this time of proration, and the report cards issued by the State Department of Education. However, until there is a 100 percent graduation rate and all the needs of the students are fully met, he said there is room for improvement.

"I deeply appreciate the outstanding work of the administrators, teachers and support personnel in the Coffee County School System and the wonderful advances that have been accomplished," said Dyess.

"I want to help further those improvements so that all the needs of all the students are being met."

He said many residents of District One have expressed a concern about the lack of communication among parents, teachers, administrators and board members.

"I pledge to work diligently and to be available to any concerned citizen," Dyess said. "I will strive to find answers to problems and questions as they arise."

He said other expressed concerns of the people include the dangers of drugs, alcohol and violence in school.

"I agree with these concerns and believe the parents and schools must work together to establish a safety net for our

children during these times," said Dyess. "I support the efforts of the teachers and administrators in bringing programs into our schools to make the students aware of the very real dangers and consequences of drugs and alcohol. I am available to help in any way I can to ensure the safety and well-being of our children."

During his previous tenure on the board, Dyess said he had a 100 percent attendance at regular meetings and he promises to uphold that tradition during his next term if at all possible.

He said he is politicking the

old-fashioned way, he is going from door to door and attempting to visit with every person in District One.

"I am trying to meet each voter in District One and ask for your vote face to face," Dyess said. "I am enjoying meeting and making new friends and renewing old friendships. If I do miss seeing you when I come by your home, please go to the polls and vote on June 4 for Tom Dyess for Coffee County Board of Education District One. I thank you and appreciate your support."

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## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Mrs. May Bryan died last weekend. She was 102 years old and lived in three centuries, having been born in 1899. We have seen changes all around during our time on this earth, but just imagine the *jillions* of things that have changed since this lady first nestled in her mother's lap, up there north of Elba, in the Lee Community. . . . when the roads (trails) were clay and/or sand, except during rainy times when they were mud. But then there were no automobiles in this country, so the horse or mule could just keep plodding along. There was no electricity, no running water, airplanes were unheard of, homes were heated with burning wood and cooled by the winds of nature and television was still over 50 years away for Coffee County citizens.

Ohio U. S. Representative James A. Traficant Jr. (Democrat) was found guilty last week of corruption. He claimed before and during the trial that it was a government vendetta. . . . they were picking on him. In spite of the conviction, he has refused to resign, but could be expelled, even though this has only happened once since the Civil War. This gutsy guy acted as his own lawyer, even though he is not an attorney. He says he plans to run for re-election, but as an independent. Among the charges against him were: filing false tax returns, receiving gifts and free labor from businessmen for his political help and taking cash kickbacks and free labor from members of his government staff. One witness also testified that he dropped a civil lawsuit over an unpaid bill in exchange for the congressman's help with federal and state regulators. Sixty-year-old Traficant was found not guilty of mob ties prior to running successfully for Congress. He has served nine terms in the office.

The U. S. Army recently announced a new method of feeding the troops in the field. This "powd food" is reportedly better than the Meals Ready to Eat (MRE), which replaced the old "C-Rations" of WWII and Korean War fame. News reports claim this new vacuum-sealed food will make a three-year old pepperoni, barbecue chicken or peanut butter sandwich taste good! Well, it might be true, but there are doubts in this corner. We ate the "C-Rations" and didn't find but a couple that were the slightest bit eatable (hot or cold). . . . they were eaten only because the troops were hungry. We eyed the new, modern MRE with suspicion and plan to do the same with this latest concoction, until we are proven wrong.

A dedicated researcher has received more than \$600,000 of your tax money to study smiling. Yep, smiling. One thing she reportedly wants to know is "does smiling vary with rank and status?". In other words - do big wheels smile more or less than us working folks? The National Science Foundation defends this work, saying the project had been reviewed. We suspect that review was by others wanting some of your tax money for their far-out project. Oh, the National Science Foundation folks also said this research could help in the war on terrorism! Now that is a stretch if we ever heard one. We read it all on the ABC internet site.

Another \$180,000 was spent to study if White House reporters have become more adversarial. Of course they have - to the point of embarrassment for many of us in the industry. Now, how much of that \$180,000 can we get for submitting the above information?

In San Francisco the medium cost of a new home is \$520,000. . . . a bit high for Elba, Alabama. Medium price means half those sold were higher than that and half were lower. . . . it is not the average price. That fact puts the California city at the very bottom of the affordability list for new housing. We don't know if that info is worth a hill of beans, but now you have it. It is comforting to know that the South is far, far up the list from that half million medium on the cost of buying a house.

A good friend called last week, talking about a recent crossword puzzle in the *USA Today*. One of the clues was, "The County Seat of Coffee County, Alabama." Our friend was able to impress the others waiting for a conference in Atlanta to start by giving them the correct answer - **Elba**, of course.

A California congressman wants to raise an estimated \$350 million by adding a 2¢ state tax to each can or bottle of soft drink. While his numbers sound high, it might be possible. However, he hasn't seen a fight until he jumps into that one. Way back in the days of the 5¢ soft drink, we saw talk of adding a 1¢ city tax to each drink bring down a mayor and completely destroy his century-old dry goods business.

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## EDITORIAL

### Debunking Internet access and e-mail tax rumors

by Congressman Terry Everett

The impact of the Internet and our society's growing dependence upon it cannot be overstated. It is truly bringing the world closer together. In ways heretofore unimagined. It is a strong voice for democracy and freedom in repressive countries and a budding medium for a new form of business - e-commerce. Unfortunately, it can also be a medium to spread rumor.

In recognition of the Internet's potential, the Congress actually voted last year to continue the current ban against taxing Internet access. Perpetual email rumors about Congress and the Postal

### Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, April 8, 2002, investigated the following incidents: one burglary, one domestic violence, one possession of drug paraphernalia, one unlawful possession of a controlled substance, one fire, one dog bite, one rape, one dog attack, one rape, two driving under the influence, one harassing communication and one unlawful manufacture of a controlled substance.

The following arrests were made: four for domestic violence, one for possession of drug paraphernalia, one possession of a controlled substance, two for criminal mischief, three for failure to appear, one theft of property, one burglary, one probation revocation, one unlawful manufacture of a controlled substance and two for driving under the influence.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: seven for no proof of insurance, nine for speeding, one for driving without a driver's license, two for a suspended driver's license, three for violation of the seat belt law, one for improper lane usage, one for a revoked driver's license, one for reckless driving and one for violation of a driver's license restriction.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: **MONDAY, APRIL 8** - River stage - 6.87 feet (6:09 a.m.); Burglary (in progress) reported at 1399 Martin Luther King Dr. (8:34 a.m.); Alarm activated at 14055 Hwy. 84 E. (10:27 a.m.); Disturbance with possible fight in progress reported at 712 (Apt.) Claxton Ave. (3:42 p.m.).

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• **ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN.** - Tuesday @ 7:30 p.m. City Hall  
• **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall  
• **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** - every Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church enter on side on W. Davis St. Maggie Garrett Classroom.  
• **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex 894-8458  
• **LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center  
• **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office  
• **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.  
• **MASONIC LODGE 176** - 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Elba High School  
• **BAND BOOSTERS** - 1st Mon. 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School  
• **VETERANS OFFICER** - Mon-Fri. 8:12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-8458  
• **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. 3 p.m. - Club House  
• **COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise  
• **AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 1st Tuesday at noon, City Hall Conference Room  
• **AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday at noon  
• **CIVIL AIR PATROL** - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport - Driscoll Building  
• **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - 1st & 3rd Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room

Service supposedly levying taxes on the Internet are absolutely false. If you surf the World Wide Web, chances are you've encountered a message from someone about so-called efforts to tax the Internet. One of the most common of these messages states in part that "Congressman Terry Schnell" has introduced "Bill 602P" to allow the federal government to impose a surcharge on each e-mail message delivered over the Internet. The message goes on to say that the money would be collected by Internet service providers and then turned over to the U.S. Postal Service.

In October 1998, Congress passed a three-year ban on all new state and local taxes targeted at Internet access and, to multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce. This would not apply to state and local taxes on items purchased over the internet where the internet company has an actual physical presence in the home state of the purchaser, much the same as with existing catalog mail-order and telephone sales.

State and local governments can continue to collect these taxes. The three-year Internet tax ban expired in October of 2001. However, the House voted, on October 16, to extend that tax moratorium for two more years through November 1, 2003. The House passed the Internet Nondiscrimination Act (HR 1552) was approved in the Senate.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9** - River stage - 7.00 feet (6:06 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the water tower on Hwy. 84E (10:47 a.m.); Wreck (vehicle in ditch) reported on County Rd. 349 (8:26 p.m.); Loud and excessive music reported on Hwy. 84E (10:47 a.m.); Minor wreck reported on Guyton St. (8:55 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10** - Elba Fire Department dispatched to area with down power lines and debris on Packing House Rd. (3:44 a.m.); River stage - 9.23 feet (6:08 a.m.); Routine activity.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11** - River stage - 9.12 feet (6:16 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched (alarm) at the Elba General Hospital (7:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1329 Caroline St. (12:58 p.m.); Minor wreck reported on the Elba Texaco (5:02 p.m.); Disturbance reported at a residence on Reese Ave. (6:36 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12** - River stage - 8.70 feet (6:16 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 13532 Hwy. 87 S (4:13 p.m.); Loud music complaint received from Adkisson St. (10:48 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the Beaver Dam Apartment - Parking lot (11:31 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a wedding shop fire in the Pine Level community on Hwy. 141 (11:40 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to stand-by at the fire on Hwy. 141 (11:46 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13** - River stage - 8.94 feet (6:05 a.m.); Minor wreck reported on Taylor Mill Road (11:15 p.m.); Routine activity.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14** - River stage - 8.82 feet (6:03 a.m.); Loud and excessive music reported in the heights near the ball field (8:42 p.m.); Wreck reported on Smith Ave. (10:54 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck on Smith Ave. (11:00 p.m.).

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of April 8, 2002, through April 14, 2002. They were: Carolyn Gelfinski, Rosalie Gaines, Ashley Chandler, Betty Wilson, Nakota Downing, Howard Lassiter, Mary Bailey, Obaidiah Thiesen, Nicole, Wallace, Missouri, Johnson, Eileen Dallas, Estelle Kendrick, Demetrius Bennett, Betty Goodwin, Nell Harrison, Shirley Cauley, Oscar Sanders, David Beckworth, Kim Wilson, Terrance Lamb and Grace Daniels.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Helen Lader, Kayla Johnson, April Mooney, Cody Helton, Roy Davis, Howard Lassiter, Rosalie Gaines, Joyce Johnson, Ashley Chandler, Demetrius Bennett, Marty Baxley, Jakordia Downie, Betty Wilson, Obaidiah Thiesen, Missouri, Johnson, Nicole, Wallace, Tanya Chauncey and Nell Harrison.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I have grown up in Elba and now as a parent in Elba I see no reason why alcohol can't be sold.

Everyone tells you not to drink and drive. That's fine. 2003. We will take your cast-off chairs and put them to use for a great cause!

In addition to the auction, we also collected the monetary donations from local businesses. This too was a tremendous success. Our businesses are asked to support to many school and fund-raising activities throughout the year, not only for Elba but also for surrounding communities, and we should not take this for granted.

Remember, your support of local businesses throughout the year is vital to their growth and success which enables them to give back to the community. Monetary donations will be further recognized later in the year during football season.

In closing, please remember when you attend a football game in the fall and see our children march and hear them play our beloved National Anthem, give yourself a pat on the back and take pride in knowing that your contributions make it possible in part for our school to have an outstanding band program.

With sincere thanks,  
**Vickie Bailey and Rhonda Brunson**  
Auction Co-chairpersons

**Dear Editor:**  
I am writing in response to the individuals not in favor of alcohol sales for the benefit of the struggling school system in our town, which now holds less than 4,000. We don't have very much choice in the matter. If we want to continue to offer quality education for our children then other options in funding our city schools must be explored. What you don't see is a public outcry for retail items such as chewing tobacco and cigarettes, etc. to be suspended within the city limits. In fact one can take notice of some of the trash of which is deposited on our streets as a clear indicator that perhaps Elba is already wet. If clear did Dad enjoy a beer after work and Mom has a glass of wine with dinner then let the revenue from these minor vices be directed toward assisting our much-needed services.

Come on citizens of Elba, have you heard some of the music our kids listen to? How about some of the video games they play? Have you checked out some of the television shows they have on during family hour? Wake up parents! You now the adults in the house. Mother always said, "When you grow up you're gonna have children of your own someday, and they are going to be just like you." Welcome to the Real World!

I'm sure little Johnny or Peggy Sue won't be emotionally damaged if Mom and Dad pick up that often times much needed six pack or bottle of wine in Elba rather than Enterprise or the Friendship Grocery. This community has withstood much over the years. We have survived several recessions and have been hard hit by reduction in our industry. I'm sure we can adapt to this change as well. We seem to have adjusted well to indoor plumbing, radio, cable and the telephone. I see no reason why we can't get used to this idea as well.

**Abdel A. Bilal**  
Proud Citizen of Elba

**Dear Editor,**  
I am writing in regard to the pending wet/dry referendum. As a former resident of Elba, I am concerned that there is a perception that just because Elba is dry people are not consuming alcohol. Even though alcohol has never been sold in Elba, it has always been readily available. But, I never felt like I had to drink it just because it was there. Maybe that was because I was afraid of the consequences or never had the desire to drink. Either way it was my choice.

I know teenagers and adults alike will drink whether alcohol is sold in Elba, or not. Why not give all that money to our own town instead of surrounding cities? I understand people enjoy going to local stores and not seeing alcohol, but anywhere else you go you are going to see it. If alcohol were sold in Elba, maybe people would not go elsewhere to drink it and run

the risk of driving home intoxicated. Buying alcohol in Elba could encourage people to stay at home instead of going out to drink.

My main reason for writing is to encourage people to think about the schools and the need for money. As a teacher, I understand the need for money in education. With more money in the school systems, schools will be able to hire more teachers. I would not object to working for a school system that profited from alcohol sales. With the recent proration, schools are going to have to find creative ways to raise money.

I would like to close with a challenge for all the citizens that disagree with this proposal. I challenge those who disagree with this proposal to come up with a way to raise money for the schools. Donating money to the schools and giving money that would be spent on alcohol is a great idea. But if people in the community were already doing that, Elba would be a better idea. I would like to see the people of Elba should come together and support one another.

**Thank you,**  
**Mary Ramsey**

**Dear Editor:**  
I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank as well as personally again one of the finest State Representatives around, Terry Spicer is the S.R. for the Elba District.

Nonetheless, even though we don't live in his district, he recently helped our family pass Alabama's New Crematory Law. We phoned Terry three years ago after the tragic loss of my brother, David Sturman. Soon after David's body was cremated, the funeral director took the unauthorized opportunity to trade part of my brother's cremains to my estranged sister-in-law in exchange for a good deal on my brother's 357 Magnum (his death upon it being returned by the sheriff's department. The funeral director himself self-typed and witnessed her release of any obligation to David's arrangements and also to not have any rights to his cremains. She was able to taunt our family with her victory, and he was able to fulfill an "expensive shrill" at the funeral director himself admitted. In our devastation, we could do NOTHING! The funeral home refused to refund our money or terminate the funeral director. In fact, he continued to work there over three more months before he resigned and took up the pest control business. Our hands were tied, as in Alabama there were no laws to deal with cremains. Even though there was a huge breach of contract, filing a lawsuit has been a joke because the company went belly up in bankruptcy court. They continue to be in business, but were allowed to get out of any accountability for the actions.

Terry passed the Crematory Bill (HB 361) through the House Committee one week prior to the incident in Noble, Georgia. After this happened, our bill went through the Senate and House with zero opposition. Terry, first hand, along with Warren Higgins, Executive Director of Alabama State Board of Funeral Services, developed this bill and pushed it through. They both kept us informed of its status on a regular basis. Terry and Warren's sincerity was incredible, and this was such a personal issue that this was a must. I've spent hours on the phone with both of them and they will never know how much it has meant to our family.

A resolution is being entered to name the bill after by brother. Along with crematories now having to be regulated, the bill states that if someone is caught doing what our funeral director did to us at the worst time of our life, it is punishable as a Class C Felony.

Terry Spicer is truly a people person. He wanted no glory for his efforts. He remained the same humble, soft-spoken person through it all. I hope that the spirit of his voting district really hit what they have in him.

Again, from the bottom of our hearts, thank you Terry, Warren, and Hari Anne Smith who handled the bill in the Senate for us. May God bless you all, Beth Peters & family of David S. Statham

## Obituaries

**MARY (LEE) WARREN**

Mrs. Mary (Lee) Warren, age 96, of Elba, Ala., died April 10, 2002 at Flowers Hospital in Dothan.

Graveside services and burial were held April 12, 2002 at Evergreen Cemetery in Elba with Rev. John L. Baxter and Rev. Stevens Nolin officiating. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directed.

Mrs. Warren was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Olin Warren.

Survivors include one sister, Mac Bryan; Elba; several nieces and nephews.

**SALLY MAY (LEE) BRYAN**

Mrs. Sally May (Lee) Bryan of Elba, Ala., died April 13, 2002 at the age of 102 years.

For many years, she was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Elba. Among the organizations that Mrs. Bryan had belonged to through the years were the Elba Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (charter member), Delta Kappa Gamma, the Three in One Study Club, the Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs, the Twentieth Century Club, the Business and Professional Women's Club, the Elba Teachers Association, the Retired Teachers of Alabama, the Music Lover's Club and the Enterprise Branch of the A.A.U.W.

Funeral services were held April 15, 2002 in the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home of Elba. Burial followed at Hardshell Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Brock was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn Brock; parents, Jordan and Annis McGowan and two children.

Survivors include two sons, Thomas Bryan Jr., Jasper, Ala.; and Robert Bryan, Birmingham, Ala.; one daughter-in-law, Jean Bryan, Birmingham; one granddaughter, Lynn Bryan (Sue), Hartselle; four grandsons, (Melanie) Bryan III, and Dan Bryan, both of Birmingham; Robert (Land) Bryan Jr., Sugar Land, Texas; six great-grandchildren, J.L. Bryan, Kate and Lacey Briggs, all of Birmingham; Alex Briggs, Santa Rosa, Beach, Fla.; and Corrie Bryan, Sugar Land, Texas.

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**CARD OF THANKS**

**BLACKMON FAMILY**

The family of **Lex Blackmon** would like to thank everyone for the prayers, calls, cards, flowers, food and other acts of kindness shown to our family during our loss. A special thanks to the staff of the Elba Nursing Home, Elba General Hospital and Dr. Dyess. The Lex Blackmon Family 4/18 pd.

**L.P. & Sylvia Hussey**

We want to thank everyone for their concern, prayers, calls, visits, flowers and other acts of kindness during my recent heart attack and LP's valve surgery. A special thanks to all local churches, and pastors for their visits and prayers. Please keep us in your prayers. God bless all of you.

**L.P. & Sylvia Hussey**

**NOTICE**

The grand finale for the Elba teams participating with the Coffee County Health Initiative will be Friday, May 3, from 5:30-7 p.m.

An announcement of the winner will be made after all teams turn in their miles for that week.

A nutritious meal will be served on the court-house square and then all teams will walk together on the mile marked downtown.

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**Burial followed at Shade Grove Church Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home directing.**

Mr. Hall was preceded in death by his parents, Willie C. and Ollie L. Hall, one sister, Johnnie B. Hall.

Survivors include one daughter, Melanie E. Hall; Elba; one son, Anthony Hall (Phyllis) Montgomery, Ala.; two brothers, B.J. Hall (Mary), Sanford, Fla.; Ira P. Hall (Veronica), Wildwood, Fla.; four sisters, Willie M. Wilson, Elba, Tex.; Lucille Baldwin and Jeanette Larkin, all of Troy, Ala.; one granddaughter, Ariel Hall, Montgomery, Ala.

**KIRK CARL WEBER**

Mr. Kirk Carl Weber, age 54, of Jack, Ala., died April 15, 2002, at his residence. Funeral services were held at Spring Hill Baptist Church (April 17, 2002) with Rev. John Stone and Rev. Vince Lee officiating. The burial followed at Jack Assembly of God Church Cemetery in Jack.

Survivors include his wife, Judy Carolyn (Wambles) Weber, Jack; two sons, Ryan Nathaniel Weber, Colby, Wisc.; Matthew Charles Weber (Christina), Jack; one step son, Gary Thomas Grissitt (Cheryl), Jack; two step daughters, Leah Michele Grissitt, April Dawn Grissitt, both of Jack; two sisters, Alice Martinson, Kankama, Wis.; Wenzler, Fort Washington, Wis.; his mother-in-law, Mrs. Wambles, Jack; and four grandchildren.

Contributions may be made in honor of Kirk Weber to the Dothan chapter of ALS Support Group C/O Southeast Alabama Medical Center, Rehabilitation Services (ATTN: Tammi, P.O. Box 6987, Dothan, AL 36007-6987).

**VALLE BROCK**

Mrs. Valle McGowan Brock, age 103, died April 6, 2002 at Medical Center Enterprise.

Funeral services were held April 11, 2002 at Springfield Baptist Church in New Brockton, Ala., with Rev. Harvey Williams officiating. Burial followed at Hardshell Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mrs. Brock was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn Brock; parents, Jordan and Annis McGowan and two children.

Survivors include two sons, Thomas Bryan Jr., Jasper, Ala.; and Robert Bryan, Birmingham, Ala.; one daughter-in-law, Jean Bryan, Birmingham; one granddaughter, Lynn Bryan (Sue), Hartselle; four grandsons, (Melanie) Bryan III, and Dan Bryan, both of Birmingham; Robert (Land) Bryan Jr., Sugar Land, Texas; six great-grandchildren, J.L. Bryan, Kate and Lacey Briggs, all of Birmingham; Alex Briggs, Santa Rosa, Beach, Fla.; and Corrie Bryan, Sugar Land, Texas.

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# CHURCH NEWS

## Shiloh Baptist Church to host gospel singing Saturday, April 20

Shiloh Baptist Church will be preceded by a covered dish supper at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Gospel singing to be held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church Saturday, April 20

Mt. Zion Baptist Church (4 miles from Brantley on South Glenwood Road) will host a gospel singing on Saturday, April 20, at 7 p.m. featuring Tommy Henderson. The singing

## Church of God to have barbecue Saturday, April 20

The Elba Church of God is having a barbecue on Saturday, April 20th. Serving will begin at 11:00 a.m. Plates are \$5.00 and bulk barbecue is \$6.00 per

## House of Prayer to celebrate homecoming Sunday, April 28

Homecoming will be observed at the House of Prayer Worship Center, Sunday, April 28. Services will begin at 10:00

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Scripture: Psalm 47

\*\*\*Thinking of you, praying for you, Wallace Belcher, Oneather Smalley, Rev. Henry Ewing Jr., Rev. Parks, Ruth Belcher, Versie Barnes, Mattie Belcher, Lovie Hooks, Johnnie Daniels, Beulah Horstead and Della Magwood. The Church of God in Christ (North 3rd Street in Florida, Ala.) will hold Family and Friends Day on Sunday, April 21, 2002 at 2:30 p.m.

\*\*\*Spring Hill Baptist Church in Dozer, Ala. will hold their 1st Pastoral Anniversary for Rev. Wendell Williams on April 28, 2002 at 2:30 p.m.

\*\*\*Annual "Nevertheless Women's Conference 2002" will be held at Rocky Head M.B. Church on April 26, 2002 at

6:30 p.m. and April 27, 2002 at 9:30 a.m.

\*\*\*Goshen First Baptist Church will hold their 37th Annual Session of the Mulberry Baptist Union on Saturday, April 27, 2002.

\*\*\*Piney Grove Baptist Church in Opp, Ala. will hold a Men and Women's Day Celebration on April 21, 2002 at 11:00 a.m.

\*\*\*Nazareth Baptist Church in Opp, Ala. will hold their Annual Youth Revival April 22-26, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. nightly.

Today is a good day, be grateful!

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Gospel Music Concert

to be held at New

Brockton Farm Center

National recording artists,

"The Dennis Family" from

Millbrook, Alabama, will be in

concert on Saturday, April 20,

at 6:00 p.m. at the New

Brockton Farm Center, New

Brockton, Alabama. Others to

perform include "Master's

Call", "The Smith Family", and

Derek Snellgrove, all from

Coffee County.

An admission will be charged.

A concession stand will be

available; the concert is being

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Jimmy Simmons

## WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT...?

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"Is it true that a rainbow is the sign of God's promise to mankind that He never again destroy the earth with the waters of a flood?" S.N. Elba, AL

Yes!

After the waters of the flood had receded and Noah and his family were allowed to step back onto dry ground, God said unto them: "And I, behold I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you: And with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you: from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth. And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more a flood to destroy the earth. And God said: This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud: And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you, and every living creature of all flesh, and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth. And God said unto Noah: This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth." (Genesis 9:8-17)

One thing is certain, God did destroy the earth long ago with the waters of a flood again, but He will destroy it one day with fire (2 Peter 3:7-12). Noah and his family were saved from the destruction of the flood, because Noah kept the commandments of God (Genesis 6:22), and Noah and his family were allowed to enter the ark (Genesis 7:1).

The only way we will escape the fire that will one day destroy the earth is to obey His commandments and be added to the church (Acts 2: Revelation 22:14). This promise is proclaimed by the gospel of Christ, the power of God unto salvation (Romans 1:16).

Jimmy Simmons

If you would like to submit a question for consideration to be used in this column, please send it to "Questions and Answers," c/o Elba Church of Christ, P.O. Box 269, Elba, AL 36525. We make every effort to attend the services of the Elba Church of Christ. Please call 897-2006 for times of services.

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## 149th annual Brunson Family Reunion planned for April 20th

The 149th annual Brunson Family Reunion will be held on Saturday, April 20th at the family picnic area on Brunson Farm in Elba. In case of rain, it will be held at Elba Elementary School.

This historic Reunion, believed to be the oldest tradition in Coffee County, began in 1853. That was the year Mathew Brunson and his wife Sarah Blanchard moved their family to then twelve year old Coffee County. They were soon followed by his brother, Rev. L.H. Brunson and his sister, Amanda Brunson Mc. Dirmont. The reunion has never been canceled or postponed as this legacy has continued without interruption. In April 2001, the Brunson family will celebrate their Sesquicentennial, 150 years of unbroken tradition.

## Jones Couple celebrates birthday

Mrs. Catherine Jones will celebrate her birthday on April 19. Her husband, L.D. Jones' birthday was on Feb. 2.

The couple reside in Weirton, W. Virginia.



Miss Logan &amp; Mr. Jones

## Logan-Jones wedding to be held Saturday, May 25

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Logan of New Brunswick announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Molly Logan, to Christopher Philip Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen P. Jones of Goodman, and Mrs. Martha Wood of Springfield, Missouri. The bride-elect is the grand-

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey J. Locklar of Elba and the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Logan of Arion.

She is a 1991 graduate of Kingston High School and a 1997 graduate of Troy State University, with a Bachelor's degree in early childhood and elementary education. She is currently employed in Enterprise.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Jones of Goodman, Mrs. Catherine Rogers and the late Mr. Vincent Rogers of Goodman, and Mrs. and Mrs. Roy Weeks of Kingston.

He is a 1992 graduate of Enterprise High School and will graduate in May with a degree in avionics technology from Wallace Community College in Ozark. He is currently employed in Daleville.

The wedding will take place Saturday, May 25, at 4 p.m. in the afternoon at the Elba Church of Christ. A reception will immediately follow at the National Society Conference Center in Elba. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

C.C. Chapter of the Alabama Retired State Employees' Association to meet

The Coffee County Chapter of the Alabama Retired State Employees' Association will hold a meeting on April 18, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. at the Enterprise City Hall Council Room. Hilda Parker from the Social Security Office will give the presentation on Medicare and Medicaid. All retirees are welcome.

Elba native and TSU piano

## Miss Shirley & Mr. Mundy to be united in marriage June 8

Mrs. Thomas Daniel Holt of Madison, Ala. and Mr. Leon Mundy Shirley of Elba, Ala. announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Beth Shirley, to Wade Harrison Mundy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Orion Mundy of Birmingham, Ala.

The bride-elect is the grand daughter of Mrs. Leon Shirley and the late Mr. Shirley, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Leroy C. Miller, all of Elba, Ala.

Miss Shirley is a 1993 graduate of Elba High School. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in early childhood education from Auburn University. She is employed as a first grade teacher in Birmingham, Ala.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Mrs. Harrison L. Burwell and the late Mr. Burwell of Birmingham, Ala., and the late Mr. and Mrs. Alpheus O. Mundy of Columbia, S.C.

Mr. Mundy is a 1991 graduate of Mountain Brook High School. He completed his Bachelor of Business Arts degree at Mercer University. He also received a Master's of business administration from Georgia State University. He is currently employed in Birmingham, Ala.

The wedding is planned for June 8, 2002, at Canterbury United Methodist Church in Birmingham, Ala.

## Southeast Alabama Community Concert band to perform in Elba

The Southeast Alabama Community Concert Band will perform its first concert of the season in Elba on April 22, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. in the Elba High School auditorium.

The band, conducted by long-time Troy State Bank Director Emeritus Dr. John M. Long, consists of Troy State University faculty members and professional musicians from the surrounding area.

Included on the program will be Don Gillis' composition, Tulsa, overtures of the road show Barnum, and a special tribute to Berlin in a patriotic selection.

Featured soloist will be Robert Collins, former first horn player with the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. Also featured will be Ray Smith playing flute, a solo featuring the jazz virtuosity of Mr. Smith on clarinet, alto and tenor sax.

Guest conductor will be Jeff Ellis, director of the Elba High School Band, which will perform John Philip Sousa's Stars and Stripes Forever.

Other conductors include James Smith, associate conductor of the Southeast Band, and Ralph Ford, director of TSU

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EUGENE AND RUBY JOHNSON celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, April 13, 2002 at the Elba High School dining room. Many friends and relatives attended this event.



Aaron, Brooklyn & Christen Norris

## Aaron, Brooklyn and Christen Norris celebrated second birthday recently

The Norris triplets, Aaron, Brooklyn, and Christen, turned two years old on March 29, 2002. They celebrated with family and friends at an Easter party on March 30. After hunting Easter eggs, the children were treated with a very special surprise visit by the Easter Bunny. Sharing in the fun were Kathy, Breanna, Mason, and Alex Pattie, Morgan and Traci Sullivan, Aunt Jennifer and Uncle Tim; Troy and Troy Funk, Aunt Kim; Kennedy and Andrea Cowen, Blake and Kelley Cobb, Braxton Robinson and Mrs.

Rhonda; Mrs. Jean; Kendall, Gracie, and Kristi Wilkerson; Nathaniel, Michael, and Jane Cox; Brad and Megan Sullivan; Aunt Sandi and Uncle Scottie; Pam Baker; Ricky Turner; Patty Levereit; Peyton, Garrett, and Troy Dunn; Matthew, Becky, and Ricky Morris; PawPaw and MawMaw (Robert and Betty Turner); Nanna (Judy Norris); and Nanny and Big Pa (Nannie and Ed Sullivan).

Aaron, Brooklyn, and Christen are the children of Patrick and Julie Norris of Elba.

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# SCHOOLS



## Tiger Tales

Editor:  
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## EES Faculty Spotlight

by Hunter Branch

This week's EES faculty spotlight is fifth grade teacher Mrs. Tracie Johnson.

Mrs. Johnson attended Enterprise and New Breckton High Schools. She then graduated from Troy State University and has been teaching at Elba Elementary School ever since. Mrs. Johnson's hobbies include reading, scrap-booking and photography. Tracie has a husband, two sons, and a daughter.

She is an assistant T-Ball coach, has traveled all over the U.S. and has been to South America. Mrs. Johnson loves to learn, and she feels she has improved the world when she is able to motivate a child to question "Why". If Tracie could no longer be a teacher, she would want to be a research scientist.



Tracie Johnson  
Congratulations to Mrs. Tracie Johnson for being this week's faculty spotlight.

## EHS Announcements

\*\*\*The Elba High School Journalism staff is now selling yearbooks for the 2001-2002 school year. Sales began the week of April 8 and will continue throughout the end of this month.

This year's edition of the *Elba* is an exceptionally special one, as it celebrates the centennial year of Elba High. The yearbook is filled with interesting, little-known, facts about the history of the city of Elba and the school system. The journalism staff has endeavored to present the best possible book to capture the memories of this centennial school year.

Please support your journalism staff by purchasing a yearbook. The price is \$28.00; contact Mrs. Julie Norris or any member of the journalism staff (897-2122) if you are interested.

\*\*\*The Affirmative Club is sponsoring a Lift-A-Thon. The event will take place Friday, April 19, at 7:00 PM. Admission is \$1.00. Proceeds will be used to the benefit of ALL athletic programs at EHS. Please come out to support EHS athletes.

\*\*\*With the much anticipated Elba High School Junior/Senior Prom looming on the horizon, the prom committee is selling T-shirts. This year's prom theme is "Midnight Dreams," and this year's shirts feature nocturnal decorations. The shirts cost \$12.00 and will be sold until April 24. No extras will be ordered, so students should place their orders as soon as possible.



MacArthur State Technical College Drafting & Design Technology December, 2001 graduates include (L-R): Mary Lee and Joy Weeks of Opp, Leigh Ann Davis of Elba, and Jackie Cotton of Geneva.

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## Band Day 2002 grosses over \$19,000 for band program

by Kimberly Farris

The citizens of Elba showed a tremendous amount of support for Band Day 2002. This year's event was the most successful Band Day ever. The Band Day Bar-B-Cue sold twice as many plates than last year, and the band grossed over \$19,000.

Activities included the Charity Auction, the annual Bar-B-Cue Plate Sale and "Jail for Bail".

Gale Olson, an EHS band student, sang the National Anthem to start the day, and mid-day entertainment included Judson Vaughan singing.

The 5th, 6th, and high school bands performed numerous songs at the beginning and end of Band Day.

Tracie Johnson, the director of the EHS band, in the "Jail for Bail".

The Elba bands would like to thank everyone for coming to Band Day and supporting the Elba band program.



EHS band director, Jeff Ellis, did his time in the "Jail for Bail" during Band Day 2002 after his students raised \$250 to have him placed behind bars. Many of the students took advantage of the situation and stopped by the "Jail" to tease their director.

## Elba Elementary School Menu April 22 - 26, 2002

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
<b>Monday</b> - Cheese Sandwich, 1/2 Orange, Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Monday</b> - Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Buttered Carrots, Corn, Crackers, Apple Crisp, Milk
<b>Tuesday</b> - Pancakes & Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Tuesday</b> - Hot Dog, French Fries, California Style Vegetables, Blueberries w/ Topping, Milk
<b>Wednesday</b> - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Wednesday</b> - Barbecue Pork, Rice, Fried Okra, 1/2 Orange, Bread, Milk
<b>Thursday</b> - Breakfast Pizza, 1/2 Apple, Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Thursday</b> - Chicken Wiggles, Corn on Cob, Butterbeans, Roll, Sliced Peaches, Milk
<b>Friday</b> - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Friday</b> - PB&J Sandwich, Potato Rounds, Apple, Ice Cream, Milk

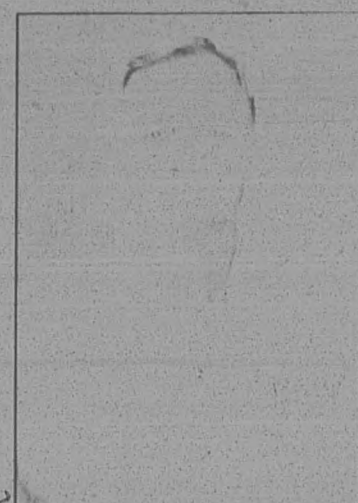
## EHS Faculty Spotlight

by Stephanie Sasser

This week's EHS faculty spotlight is focused on Johnny Dunn. He serves EHS as vice principal.

Mr. Dunn graduated from Pike County High School and obtained a M.S. in school administration and a B.S. in physical education, health and history at Troy State University. His past teaching experiences include a total of 29 years at Pike County HS, Dixie Academy, Arton HS and Goshen HS.

Mr. Dunn and his wife Edra have two daughters and four grandchildren. Mr. Dunn's hobbies include playing softball and spending time with his grand children. When asked who inspired him to become a teacher, he said, "My stepfather and my mother."



Johnny Dunn

## EHS announces third nine weeks honor roll

**Seventh grade:** Brianna Lynne Bailey, Brian Dean Blair, Chase William Boutwell, Eric Lee Burt, Mary Katherine Cash, Adam Leland Henderson, Whitley Deanna Kitchener, Lauren Alexis McClung and Ladarus Antonio Tillis.

**Eighth grade:** Brandon Ciarne, Ricardo Owen Cooks, Timothy Carmichael Jackson, Kayla Marie Kelley, Annie Elena McCormick, Casey Michele Medlock, Ashleigh Hayden Waddell, Elizabeth Emily Weeks and Rashawnda Rene Whitfield.

**Ninth grade:** Mallory Paige Allen, Stuart Bradley Byrne, Sarah Kristin Brines, Jeffery Alexander "Alex" Benbow and Ashley Renee Gibson.

**Tenth grade:** John Alexander Allen, Ella Blake Capps, Lance Quintez Cross, Benjamin Bailey Dye, Kaci L. Grantham and Ralston Dell Moore.

**Eleventh grade:** Christopher Wayne Bryant, Sheena Flowers, Heather Nicole

**Twelfth grade:** Rachel Ellen Bludsworth, George Austin Bothe, Richard Earl Boutwell, Jack Rushing "Rush" Brunson, Darryl DeWayne Burks, Katie Elizabeth Crowe, Brittany Danielle Daniels, Brady Nicole Davis, Christopher Ray Eiland, Ashley Lynn Harelson, Gavin Paul Mauldin, Kashonda Lynette McGill, Carrie Lynn Nguyen, Chris Odom, Joseph Michael Reed, Alecia La'Shonn Robinson, Casey Nicole Skinner, April Denise Smith, Amanda Lynn Spicer, Aubrette Lanetta Williams and Bobbie Jo York.



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# COMMUNITY NEWS



MacArthur State Technical College Welding Program December, 2001 graduates include (L-R): Curtis Mitchell of Florala, Curtis McWaters of Jack, Justin Brooks of Lockhart and Micah Rider of Straughn.

## Piney Woods Arts Festival set for the weekend

The Coffee County Arts Alliance presents the 28th Annual Piney Woods Arts Festival on Saturday and Sunday, April 20 & 21, 2002. The Festival will be on the grounds of Enterprise State Junior College, located at the intersection of Boll Weevil Circle and Highway 167 South, Enterprise, AL. Festival hours are 9:30 AM to 5 PM on Saturday and Noon to 4 PM on Sunday.

Original art, crafts, special displays, food and entertainment will provide something for everyone. For the children there will be a Fun Center (Moon Walk, Face Painting, Duck Pond).

"Riverboat John" Ferguson, singer, banjo player and master storyteller, will entertain all ages both days of the Festival.

Other events will also be included.



MacArthur State Technical College Accounting Technology December, 2001 graduates include (front, L-R): Tomeka Tillis and Jenny Cassidy of Opp, (standing, L-R): Melinda Moore of Andalusia and Virginia R. Rogers of Elba.

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## JUST SAY NO TO ALCOHOL

I'm confused, astonished and disappointed to read that a member of our school board has proposed the sale of alcohol to solve our educational funding problem. We are doing all we can with the D.A.R.E. program and trying our best in our churches and Driver's Ed. classes to discourage our youth from using alcohol and drugs. What kind of message are we going to send them with this proposal? In this article I will explain why I am so adamantly opposed to alcohol, the real reason behind this desperate proposal, and suggest a few alternative measures that might save some of our educational dollars. I'm sure my ideas will not be lauded or accepted as practical courses of action. In fact they will probably offend some people. This however does not concern me as I maintain that the truth should not be offensive to anyone. The purpose of this article is to reveal some truths that might cause people to vote in a sensible manner on election day and not to win friends and influence people.

Aside from my Christian convictions concerning alcohol, I have seen enough suffering, abuse, ruined lives and unnecessary premature deaths in my own family to convince me of the ills of alcohol. Several uncles died as a direct result of alcohol abuse. A first cousin spent much of his early life in prison for accidentally killing his best friend at a bar where they were celebrating their return home from the navy. My father's death at a relatively young age was most likely due to alcohol abuse. A former brother-in-law was murdered in his own home by a group of drunken, drug crazy teenagers.

What is the real reason for this desperate proposal? In my opinion the real motive for this proposal is not education at all. The promoters and proponents of alcohol have tried several times in the recent past to get Elba City voted Wet. Now they will try once again. This time I am afraid they will succeed. They are very clever. They recognize an opportune time to launch another wet crusade. This time they are slyly hiding behind the education issue. I don't think they are concerned

about education at all. They recognize one undeniable fact. The people of Elba would vote in alcohol or dance with the devil himself to prevent being merged into the Coffee County School System. Let me stress at this point that I am not advocating such a consolidation. However, if we were all honest, we would admit that our dual system is a gross waste of taxpayer's money. With our population, how can you justify two superintendents' salaries, two central office complexes, two maintained, operated and staffed? A merger would create enough money to pay for several teachers salaries.

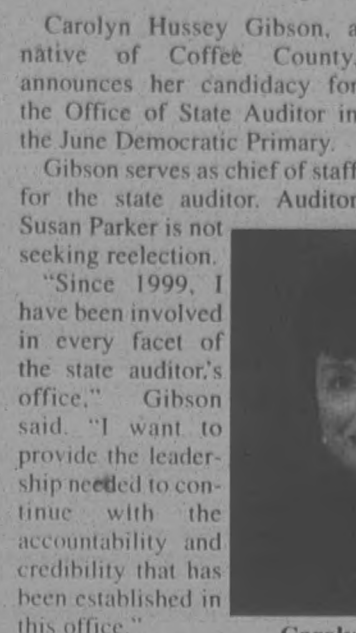
Consider this question: Why are city citizens so opposed to being part of a county system? Does that somehow degrade one's status? Does it in any way diminish the quality of education? I'll address these questions later. For now, the first question. There is something about human nature, call it ego if you will, or perhaps it's just the natural man asserting himself. In any case, the natural man wants to be eminent and distinctive. He wants to belong to something outside himself to make him feel bigger and better than his fellows. I'll call these base desires the "Drum Major" instinct. And we all have it to some extent and kept under control. It is not all bad. We all want to be important to surpass others, to achieve distinction, to lead the parade.

I realize I'm chasing rabbits a little here, but stay with me; in the words of Ben Matlock, the relevancy will become apparent later.

Alfred Adler, one of the fathers of modern psychiatry, names this drum major instinct the dominant impulse in human nature. He thinks the desire for recognition and distinction is stronger than that of sex, which Freud put first. This craving for significance explains why so many are "joiners". If we are not important persons we can become so by joining lodges, clubs or secret societies. Little do we realize that those who challenge any of the reasons cited above as being absolutely true.

Let me urge my city readers to accept the above as merely an

## Coffee County native seeking state auditor position



Carolyn Gibson

Carolyn Hussey Gibson, a native of Coffee County, announces her candidacy for the Office of State Auditor in the June Democratic Primary. Gibson serves as chief of staff for the state auditor, Auditor Susan Parker is not seeking reelection.

"Since 1999, I have been involved in every facet of the state auditor's office," Gibson said. "I want to provide the leadership needed to continue with the accountability and credibility that has been established in this office."

She said one major accomplishment has been the implementation of a statewide electronic property inventory monitoring and tracking system, and other improvements have included training for property managers, closing loopholes to capture reporting of newly purchased property, reorganization of voucher audits, procedures established to audit professional services and emergency contracts and publishing all audit reports to the media, legislature, attorney general and the web.

In Jan. 1999, the state auditor's office was not in compliance with the Code of Alabama and there were agencies that had not been audited in more than 10 years. The Code mandates that the state auditor conduct an audit of each state agency every two years. As of Nov. 2001, the auditor's office had achieved compliance and current acquisition cost of items valued at \$500 or more totaled almost \$800 million. To remain in compliance, Gibson said this office must maintain this accountability.

A graduate of Zion Chapel High School in Jack, Gibson



Carolyn Gibson

has a degree in business administration from Troy State University. As director of career placement at Troy State for 17 years, she worked closely with the employing public and students seeking career employment. In addition, she taught job search classes and served as advisor for several student organizations.

Other professional experience has included outplacement, a specialist/manager working throughout the southeast with displaced workers and serving as executive director of a statewide association, AOWA.

Gibson is the founder of the Capitol City National Property Management Association, which is the only professionally recognized certification entity in the country for property managers.

Her professional achievements have been recognized on the local, state and regional level including: Alabama Placement Professional Award, Southern College Placement Distinguished Service Award and NPMA All Star Award. She has been active in the community serving on the Montgomery Sunrise Rotary Club Board, Chairman of Pike County United Way, Charter President of Troy Junior Woman's Club, President of Alpha Gamma Delta Alumnae and was named Outstanding Young Woman of Troy in 1974. Gibson is a member of the Alabama Onsite Wastewater License Board.

She is married to Donald Gibson, a retired educator and current business owner in Montgomery. They have a daughter, Angela Jones. Gibson is the daughter of Mrs. Jennie Hussey of the Victoria Community and the late Robert Hussey.

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needs. So which school will adversely affect the students the most? As far as I know all the assistants we have are doing a great job. If a contest were held for outstanding administrative assistants, they would no doubt select the best candidates for the award. However, if you trim the fat from the top, you would save enough money to retain several teachers. Assistants relax! It's not going to happen. It's too practical. And bureaucrats never do the practical thing. Your job is secure. We'll vote wet first.

A second measure is to strike consulting fees from the budget. Invariably, when the board hires a superintendent, rather than relying on their own expertise, intuition and sound judgment, several thousand dollars are wasted on hiring a consultant who usually comes in, quickly surveys the resumes, asks the board who they want and rubber stamps the original choice made by the board. I understand the motive behind this process and it doesn't happen often enough to save tons of money, but when it does occur, it is a needless waste of taxpayers money. Let the board do the job they are appointed to do. If we have confidence in them for small decisions, we should have confidence in them for the more difficult ones.

I offer these few measures free of charge. For any other money saving tips, I would welcome the opportunity to serve as a paid consultant, as I am unemployed at the present and could use the money (only kidding). What do I know?? I'm only one of those hayseeds from outside the levee.

In closing, let me issue this challenge to our board of education: Be what you say you are. If you claim to be a Christian, you will not only NOT support this motion to go "Wet" but you will actively and publicly oppose it. Remember you can not be for Christ and against him. You can't run with the rabbits and hunt with the hounds. Do what is right for our children not what is politically expedient or self-serving. Take a stand for not only our youth but for the welfare of our city.

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present at the meeting wanted to help the local children and save the vocational agriculture program.

He noted that Coffee County and the Elba area boasts an agriculture economy of \$160 million annually plus \$150 million annually in forestry production. He noted it is the largest agricultural producing county in South Alabama and third or fourth in the entire state.

He also noted that in the last seven years the ag program has been supported by some 140 students per year. Of these, 98 percent are in ag related businesses or moved on into higher education.

Mr. Bryan said every school system in South Alabama, with the exception of Dothan City, has an active ag program and that included all schools around Elba.

He added that there are 338 ag related job fields open to inter-

ested, trained workers.

"We will do whatever it takes to help keep this program alive, take up collections, sell Boston Butts, whatever," Bryan said. Jimmy Tillis added a few words supporting Bryan's statements. He said both his daughters were products of the Elba School System and the ag program. One having served as president of the Future Farmers of America (FFA).

Bryan then asked the board to table any action on this proposal for two weeks and allow them time to find funding to keep the program alive.

Stephens said, "You are preaching to the choir. We have a money problem and what we do tonight we do to protect ourselves and this school system legally."

He added that the board appreciated the professional way this was handled by Mr. Bryan, Mr. Tillis and Mr. Davis.

Mr. Weeks explained that the school has seven career education units, but is funded from the state for only 4.2 units. This means local funds must pay for the additional teacher units, including the recently legislature approved 3 percent pay raise. Weeks added, "It is not my intent to target any program on this campus. We have lost in every area in the past two years. We have protect-

The board voted unanimously to table this issue until the May 9th meeting and allow those present to complete their search for additional funds to save this 60-year-old program.

As is done each year, the board voted to terminate all non-tenured teachers. Many of these will be recalled once the administration knows how much state funding is available for the next school year.

Weeks told board members that state officials are warning local schools that there is a strong possibility of statewide proration again this next year. He said estimates range from two to four percent.

A report that would surely have upset the group interested in the agriculture program if they had stayed for the balance of the meeting was a report on bond issue expenditures.

While the school is laying off teachers for lack of funding, there is state bond issue money which must be used for capital improvements or lost back to the state and used by other schools. Weeks reminded board members of their long range plans on paving a parking lot at the elementary school, buying a needed mower, tractor and related equipment.

"It is use it or lose it," said Weeks.

The final item was to thank the City of Elba for their help in fighting the Hickman Avenue entrance to the school complex.

## Man eludes Elba police after routine traffic stop

After making what appeared to be a routine traffic stop, Elba Police officers quickly found themselves involved in a high speed chase Tuesday evening, April 9, when the suspect eluded them.

Elba Police Chief R.W. Whitworth said one of the department's officers stopped Billy Everett Smith Jr. for a speeding violation.

While checking the driver's information, Whitworth said his officer discovered several outstanding felony warrants on Smith, however, before he could get back to the suspect, Smith fled the scene.

Elba Police officers were soon assisted by the Coffee County Sheriff's Department as the high speed chase led them to Coffee County Road 349 where Whitworth said Smith jumped out of his vehicle while it was still moving. At that point, he said Smith took off running into the woods.

Whitworth said officers continued to look for Smith and later spotted him walking along Hwy. 87. He said the officers

pursued Smith as he took off running again, but he managed to elude them.

On Wednesday, April 10, Whitworth said an off duty officer spotted Smith traveling in a pickup truck and followed the suspect to a residence in the Shady Grove community in north Coffee County. He then called the county for backup.

Whitworth said the officers spotted the suspect jumping out of a window in the house, and he managed to make it to the woods before being caught.

The Elba Police Department and Coffee County Sheriff's Department received help from the Ventress Prison canine unit, the Enterprise 12th Judicial Drug Task Force, the APC Board and state aviation units as they continued searching for Smith. However, the search was called off after several hours revealed no new leads on Smith's whereabouts.

Anyone with information concerning this incident is asked to call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555.

## Arbor Day Foundation giving oak trees in April

Ten free oak trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during the month of April 2002. The free oaks are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign and are being given in recognition of the oak's selection as the People's Choice for America's National Tree.

The ten free trees include two red oaks, two pin oaks, two bur oaks, two scarlet oaks, and two willow oaks.

The free trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting in April or May with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced, free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free National Tree package send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE OAK TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by April 30, 2002.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

## Dr. Susan Wilson selected for UNC Award for Excellence in Teaching

Dr. Susan Wilson, a 1957 graduate of Elba High School and an associate professor of nursing at North Carolina A&T University in Greensboro, has been selected by the Board of Governors of the 16-campus University of North Carolina to receive one of the system's 2002 Awards for Excellence in Teaching.

During a recognition luncheon to be held in conjunction with the Board's May meeting at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a faculty member from each UNC campus will receive a commemorative bronze medal and a \$7,500 cash prize.

Established by the UNC Board of Governors in April 1994 to underscore the importance of teaching and to reward good teaching across the 16-campus University, the awards are given annually to a tenured faculty member from each UNC campus.

Wilson has been a member of the faculty at A&T University since 1987. She

teaches pediatric nursing and has been recognized for her success in working with at-risk students, creating programs like the "Study Counselor Program" to assist students in developing study skills. She also believes in the importance of mentoring for both students and colleagues, several at other universities are now adopting a model-mentoring program she developed through Mu Tau Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, a national nursing honor society she helped establish on the A&T campus.

Active in the community, Wilson gives presentations to community groups, serves as a member of the Guilford County Schools Health

Advisory Council, and works with Future Nurses Clubs and other high school groups to encourage careers in nursing.

Wilson, along with Patty Cotter, helped establish the nursing program at MacArthur State Technical School, Opp, in 1965.

Wilson obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from the University of Alabama, Master of Science degree in Nursing from the University of Florida and Doctorate in Nursing Education degree from Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa.

She grew up in the Curtis community and is the daughter of the late Lawrence and Ruth Wilson.

## Elba Public Library presents list of newly available books

**New Library Books**  
Adult Christian Fiction  
Blackstock, Teri-Cape Refuge  
Morgan, Kathleen Child of Promise

Adult Large Print Fiction  
King, Stephen-Everything's Eventual  
Kleypas, Lisa-Where Dreams Begin  
Krentz, Jayne Ann-True Colors  
Pillier, Robin-An Ocean Apart  
Roberts, Nora-The MacGregor Brides

Steele, Danielle-The Cottage  
Watkins, Sandra-A Kiss Remembrance  
Deaver, Jeffrey-The Stone Monkey  
Higgins, Jack-Midnight Runner  
Franzen, Jonathan-The Corrections  
King, Stephen-Everything's Eventual  
Patterson, James-2nd Chance  
Roberts, Nora-Three Fates  
Steele, Danielle-The Cottage  
Books on Tape  
Bradford, Barbara-Taylor-Three Weeks in Paris  
Coward, Noel-Hay Fever  
Coward, Noel-Present Laughter  
Diehl, William-Eureka  
Furgur, Athol-The Road to Mecca  
Green, Tim-The Fourth Penitent  
Higgins, Jack-To Catch a King  
Leonard, Elmore-Tishomingo Blues  
Logan, Chuck-Absolute Zero  
McBride, James-Miracle at St. Anna

Miller, Arthur-Broken Glass  
Patterson, James-2nd Chance  
Rice, LuAnne-Safe Harbor  
Steele, Danielle-The Cottage  
Woodard, Charlyne-Pretty Fire  
Adult Nonfiction  
Bowden, Mark-Black Hawk Down  
Canfield, Jack-Chicken Soup for the American Soul  
Downs, Miriam-Lace & Lace-making  
Child, Greg-Over the Edge, a

True Story of Kidnap & Escape in the Mountains of Central America  
Fox, Michael J-Lucky Man  
Harris, Warren-Clark Gable  
Knight, Bobby-A Coach's Life  
Nash, J. Madeline-El Niño  
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Coffee County Schools  
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Monday - Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Tuesday - Toast, Egg Squares, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Wednesday - Pancake, Sausage, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Thursday - Cheese Toast, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Friday - Ham &amp; Biscuit, Cereal, Juice, Milk

## LUNCH

Monday - Country Fried Steak, Chicken Nuggets, Creamed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Rolls, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday - Fried Chicken, Ham w/ Loaf Bread, Butterbean, Squash Casserole, Cornbread, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday - Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Sausage Pizza, Tossed Salad, Corn on Cob, Garlic Bread, Fruit, Milk

Thursday - Hamburgers, Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Macaroni &amp; Cheese, Baked Beans, Fruit, Milk

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COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES, PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2001 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2002									
	GENERAL	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE ENTERPRISE	FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES EXPENDABLE TRUST	MEMORANDUM ONLY	TOTALS	
REVENUES	1,802,741.94	1,082,051.01						2,884,792.95	
TAXES	37,080.50	2,455.50						39,536.00	
LICENSES AND PERMITS	269,500.80	1,402,207.71						1,671,708.51	
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	620,133.19	89,628.20			1,503,581.71	14,197.91		2,227,541.01	
CHARGES FOR SERVICE	220,493.62	725,419.31	1,277.26		37,602.24	3,181.56		987,973.99	
MISCELLANEOUS									
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>2,949,950.05</b>	<b>3,301,761.31</b>	<b>1,277.26</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,541,183.95</b>	<b>28,539.47</b>		<b>7,822,712.46</b>	
EXPENDITURES									
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,201,131.09	173,607.18				15,598.30		1,390,336.57	
PUBLIC SAFETY	926,608.85	1,450.91				11,160.00		939,219.76	
HIGHWAYS AND ROADS		1,271,985.75						1,271,985.75	
SANITATION					1,042,046.09			1,042,046.09	
HEALTH	35,880.03					35,680.03		71,560.06	
PUBLIC WELFARE	46,322.54	64,171.63				110,494.17		220,988.34	
CULTURE AND RECREATION	6,000.00					6,000.00		12,000.00	
EDUCATION	30,919.02					30,919.02		61,838.04	
CAPITAL OUTLAY	102,993.98	593,812.00				696,805.98		1,293,601.96	
DEBT SERVICE									
PRINCIPAL RETIREMENT		137,336.84	258,627.57			395,964.41		792,529.42	
INTEREST		41,360.47	227,059.87		58,645.59	327,065.93		757,131.86	
FEES AND OTHER CHARGES									
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	157,108.00	70,000.00						227,108.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2,506,761.51</b>	<b>2,353,724.78</b>	<b>485,687.44</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,100,691.68</b>	<b>26,758.30</b>		<b>6,473,623.71</b>	
EXCESS REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	443,188.54	948,036.53	(484,410.18)	0.00	440,492.27	1,781.17		1,349,088.75	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)									
BOND PROCEEDS		257,492.86						257,492.86	
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	87,105.29	443,034.38	552,101.81		29,792.90	1,092,034.38		1,715,000.00	
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	(256,946.81)	(769,843.42)			(89,792.90)	(1,116,583.13)		(2,226,166.26)	
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>(169,841.52)</b>	<b>(60,316.18)</b>	<b>552,101.81</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(60,000.00)</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>232,944.11</b>	
EXCESS REVENUE AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) OTHER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	253,347.02	878,720.77	67,691.63		380,492.27	1,781.17		1,582,032.86	
FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT) - BEGINNING	902,197.16	1,981,089.92	49,952.73	81,565.87	577,646.61	35,592.91		3,628,025.23	
<b>FUND BALANCE, ENDING</b>	<b>1,155,544.18</b>	<b>2,859,790.99</b>	<b>117,644.36</b>	<b>81,565.87</b>	<b>98,138.88</b>	<b>37,374.08</b>		<b>5,210,058.09</b>	

Detailed statements of individual fund revenue and expenditures are available for public inspection at the County Commission Office during regular hours Monday-Friday. The totals are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented merely to aid financial analysis. Information in this statement does not present the County's financial position or results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles; neither is data comparable to a consolidation of county funds; that is interfund elimination has not been used in totaling these figures. These figures represent unaudited data.

## STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS AS OF MARCH 31, 2002

General Obligation Warrants (Health Department Addition)	45,185
General Obligation Warrants (DHR)	220,000
General Obligation Warrants (Refunding Issue)	2,165,000
\$.04 Gasoline Tax Anticipation Warrants	715,000
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Loans Payable to Banks	382,038
Landfill Warrants	1,075,000
Lease Purchase Equipment	1,061,959
Landfill Lease Purchase Equipment	901,977
Amounts in Escrow	(117,644)
<b>Total Indebtedness</b>	<b>6,893,512</b>

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COFFEE COUNTY ARTS ALLIANCE



## SPORTS

Views from...

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mulzarz, Sports Editor

If I even mentioned the word "casserole" to my girls when talking about supper they would stick their noses in the air and head back to their rooms. However, sometimes what they don't know is good for us all. Melanie's new favorite meal is "that spaghetti-thing with funny noodles," while one night last week, Melissa wanted the "French fry" dish we had in Montgomery a few weeks back at my brother's house. Both dishes are casseroles, of course, and as long as they like 'em and will eat them I don't care what they call it.

## HITS AND MISSES...

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers ran their winning streak to five games and topped their record to 10-3 last week with a pair of big road wins over Brantley and Pike County. The wins were sweet in that they kept the winning streak alive and helped the Tigers go 2-0 in the area standings, but just as important was the way the Tigers got the wins. Elba saw a lead evaporate late against Brantley, but held on and made the winning play on a throw out at the plate with two outs in the seventh, while in the win over Pike County the Tigers were pushed into extra innings before they rallied late to grab the win. To win on the road is always a plus, and to pull off wins late in the game on the road is even better. Last week's wins should give Elba the confidence it needs to close out the season with a bang and carry it deep into the playoffs. Believe it Elba, you are a very good high school baseball team.

\*\*\* I hate to say I told you so, but after the Elba Lady Tigers lost to Andalusia in a tournament two weeks ago I told Coach Amelia Rhoades that things were about to change because for the first time all season the players were upset about losing. I told her that now that the players hurt after a loss, the losses wouldn't come nearly as often and the wins would begin to pile up. I will admit, however, that my confidence level didn't include five straight wins and the championship of the Samson Invitational Tournament. The Lady Tigers grabbed their first win of the season over Highland Home on Thursday afternoon, then went down to Samson and struck a strong field by going undefeated and bringing home the top prize. This group of girls have been playing softball for years, and now that they have grown to like fast-pitch softball, everything will be fine at Tigertown.

\*\*\* Elba High School continued to be a force in The Dothan Eagle's "Super 12" prep selections over the weekend when John Mitchell was named to the honored list for the second straight year. Mitchell didn't play basketball until his final two years in high school, but let the Tigers to two straight winning seasons and earned the respect of every coach the Tigers played against. Mitchell's selection marked the third time an Elba High athlete had been named to the Super 12 squad for two straight years. Melissa Mulzar made the list in softball as a junior and a senior, while Roshanda McKinnon also made the list her final two years in basketball. There is no doubt there is still plenty of talent competing in athletics at Elba High.

\*\*\* The youth baseball and softball season opened in Elba last week, but the big winner had to be the weather as two nights of games were rained out, along with the second game on another night. Games are scheduled on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights at both Legion Field and Hawkins-Williams Park, as well as one or two nights a week at the Elba High School softball field. The actual numbers are down when one looks at the teams and players from Elba. However, the same is true all over the state and area, and this year the competition will be more fun than ever as the Elba teams get the chance to compete against teams from Laverne, Highland Home, Brantley, Opp, Andalusia, Samson and Kinston. There will be a little travel involved, but at least the Elba teams won't have to play each other two nights a week and will get the chance to see how they compare with the youth from area towns.

\*\*\* Elba High School will hold its first ever "16-Off" this Friday night at the Elba High gym, and I hope all Tiger fans come out to see how hard the Elba athletes have been working to get stronger in an attempt to better their athletic talents. Sponsors are sought to make donations based upon the amount of weight lifted, and the funds will be used to support all the sports at Elba High. I know the students have all been working hard in the weight room, and know they would appreciate your support in the gym Friday night.

\*\*\* In closing... I hope everyone will stop and notice the improvements that have been made to Hawkins-Williams Park since last season. A shiny new flag pole has been erected at the entrance to the park, trees have been planted all around the parking area, benches have been constructed for use along the sidewalk, and clean up has begun at the bottom of the hill with hopes of one day adding practice fields to the complex to enable the teams to practice once the season starts.

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## Claim area win over Pike County 9-6

## Five-run eighth inning lifts Tigers to win

The Elba Tigers upped their winning streak to five games and remained undefeated in the area Thursday afternoon with a thrilling 9-6 eighth-inning win over the Pike County Bulldogs, in Brundidge.

The win upped Elba's record to 10-3, 2-0 in area play, while Pike County slipped to 8-8 with the loss, 1-1 in area competition. The Tigers stranded three base runners in the opening two innings as they failed to get on the scoreboard in the key area contest, but bunched together three hits in the top of the third to grab a 2-0 advantage.

A one-out single by Kyle English ignited the Elba uprising, while Jason Curran followed with an RBI double that knocked in English, and Curran later raced home on a run scoring single by Marcus Henderson.

Two errors and a fielder's choice off the bat of Ralston Moore resulted in a scoring opportunity for the Tigers in the top of the fifth, and Elba took advantage of the Pike County miscues as Rick Smith delivered a two-run double to put the Tigers on top 4-0 over the Bulldogs.

Pike County pushed across one run in its half of the fifth and then plated two runs in the sixth to cut the Elba lead to 4-3. Elba had a chance to add to its lead in the seventh as hits by Ralston Moore and Rick Smith and a walk to Derrick Thomas loaded the bases. However, the Tigers stranded all three base runners, and then watched as Pike County scored a run in the

bottom of the seventh to pull even at 4-4 and send the game into extra innings.

Elba wasn't about to let the road win slip away, and came out swinging its bats in the top of the eighth as the Tigers combined four hits with one walk to plate five runs and go ahead 9-4.

A lead off single by Brandon Petty and a walk to Kyle English put two runners on base with no outs, and when the Bulldogs failed to get an out on a fielder's choice off the bat of Jason Curran, the Tigers had the bases loaded with still no outs. A walk to Marcus Henderson forced in a run and put the Tigers back on top 5-4, while Ralston Moore then stepped up and ripped a three-run triple to tie the Elba lead to 8-4. Moore was thrown out at the plate, but Rick Smith followed with a single and later scored on a Derrick Thomas single as the Tigers moved on top 9-4.

Pike County closed to within 9-6 on a two-run homer with one out, but the Tigers then settled down to record the final two outs and claim the big area win 9-6 over the Bulldogs.

Rick Smith got 2 hits to lead Elba at the plate, while Ralston Moore had one hit and collected three RBIs and Jason Curran added one hit and scored 3 runs. Brandon Petty pitched seven innings and allowed four runs on five hits and two walks, while striking out three batters. Marcus Henderson came in in the seventh and got the win as he allowed two runs on two hits and struck out one batter.

## Tiger golfers remain unbeaten with win in six-team match

The Elba Tiger golf team remained undefeated and picked up its biggest win of the season Thursday afternoon when it won a six-team match over the Country Club. The Tigers fired a 299 to win the six-team match, and were followed by Carroll 309, Trinity 321, Charles Henderson 327, Opp 338 and

Wicksburg 413. Justin Allen and Colby Capps fired a 71 and 72, respectively, to lead the Tigers to the win. Charles Henderson's Eric Mitchell also fired a 71 to share medalist honors with Elba's Allen.

## Elba Tiger golfers roll on in Opp

The Elba Tiger golf team posted a 305 to claim first place in a four-team match last Monday afternoon at the Opp Country Club. Andalusia placed second with a 313, followed by

Opp at 320 and Rehobeth with a 352. Andalusia's Roger Caffey took medalist honors with a 71, followed by Elba's Bart Barnes with a 74.

## Kinston Bulldogs ranked 10th in latest prep baseball standings

The Alabama Sports Writers Association has released its weekly high school baseball and softball rankings, and included among the state's elite once again are the Kinston Bulldogs. The Bulldogs, which have already wrapped up a state play-off berth, were ranked 10th in the state in Class 1A-3A.

Following are the complete weekly rankings in all classes:

**BASEBALL**  
 Class 6A:  
 1. Bob Jones, 2. Daphne, 3. Opelika, 4. Hazel Green, 5. Clay Chalkville, 6. Jeff Davis, 7. Pelham, 8. Mary Montgomery, 9. Hoover, 10. Northview and

Vestavia Hills  
 Class 4A-5A:  
 1. Hartselle, 2. Morriem Jordan, 3. Muscle Shoals, 4. Lawrence County, 5. St. Pauls, 6. Walker, 7. Winfield, 8. St. James, 9. Bibb County, 10. Childersburg and Geneva.  
 Class 1A-2A-3A:  
 1. G.W. Long, 2. Hokes Bluff, 3. Plainview, 4. Athens Bible, 5. Madison Academy, 6. Dadeville, 7. Gordo, 8. Pisgah, 9. Ashville, 10. Kinston.

**EAST PITCH SOFTBALL**  
 Class 6A:  
 1. Clay-Chalkville, 2. Grissom, 3. Thompson, 4. Hoover, 5. Auburn, 6. Baker, 7. Bob Jones, 8. Daphne, 9. Vestavia Hills, 10. Decatur.  
 Class 4A-5A:  
 1. Oak Mountain, 2. Hartselle, 3. West Limestone, 4. Buckhorn, 5. Moody, 6. Demopolis, 7. Benjamin Russell, 8. Madison County, 9. St. James, 10. Childersburg.  
 Class 1A-2A-3A:  
 1. Pisgah, 2. Ider, 3. Alabama Christian, 4. Madison Academy, 5. Sylvania, 6. Hale County, 7. Glencoe, 8. Pleasant Valley, 9. Munford, 10. Waterloo.

**STATE BASEBALL PLAYOFFS BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 FOLLOW YOUR FAVORITE TEAM HERE IN THE ELBA CLIPPER "SPORTS"**



**TIGER PITCHING STAFF**...The Elba Tigers made it five wins in a row last week with wins over Brantley and Pike County. The Tiger pitching staff includes (l-r) Kyle English, Marcus Henderson, Derrick Thomas and Brandon Petty.

## Elba holds on late to escape Brantley with exciting 8-7 win

Elba's Brandon Petty threw out the potential tying run at home plate with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning to help the Tigers hold on and post an exciting 8-7 win over the Brantley Bulldogs last Monday afternoon in Brantley.

Elba jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first on consecutive singles by Brandon Petty, Kyle English and Jason Curran, but stranded two runners on the base paths and then watched as Brantley scored twice in the bottom of the frame to grab a 2-1 advantage.

A lead off double by Jason Curran sparked an Elba rally in the fourth, and the Tigers regained the lead on an RBI double by Rick Smith and a run scoring single by Richard Myers to move back on top 3-2.

The Tigers continued to swing the bats in the fifth and added four runs to stretch their lead to 7-2. Back-to-back singles by Brandon Petty and Kyle English ignited the Elba rally, while a two-run single by

Ralston Moore and a two-run homer by Rick Smith delivered the Tigers wins.

Brantley staged a mild rally in its half of the fifth and cut the Elba lead to 7-4. However, Elba bounced right back in the top of the sixth and upped its lead to 8-4 when Richard Myers singled and later scored on an RBI double by Kyle English.

Brantley scored twice in the bottom of the sixth to pull within 8-6, then threatened to catch the Tigers in the seventh, only to see Elba hold on and escape with the wild 8-7 win.

Kyle English got 3 hits to lead Elba at the plate, while Rick Smith added 2 hits and collected 3 RBIs and Jason Curran, Ralston Moore and Richard Myers all added 2 hits. Marcus Henderson got the mound win as he pitched 4 1/3 innings and allowed 4 runs on 9 hits and 4 walks. Derrick Thomas got the save as he pitched 2 2/3 innings and allowed 3 runs on 3 hits and 3 walks, while striking out 3 batters.

**High School**  
**\*\* Baseball \*\* Softball \*\***  
**SCHEDULES**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18**  
 (Baseball)  
 Brantley at Kinston 4:00  
 (Softball)  
 Brantley at Elba 4:00  
 G.W. Long at Zion Chapel (DH) 4:30  
 Kinston at New Brocton (DH) 4:00

**FRIDAY, APRIL 19**  
 (Baseball)  
 Kinston at Elba 4:30  
 Straighten at Kinston 4:00  
 (Softball)  
 Kinston at Georgiana (DH) 4:00

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20**  
 (Softball)  
 Lady Gamecock Invitational, New Brocton

**MONDAY, APRIL 22**  
 (Baseball)  
 Kinston at Zion Chapel 6:00  
 (Softball)  
 Goshen at Elba 4:00  
 New Brocton at Zion Chapel (DH) 3:30  
 McKenzie at Kinston (DH) 4:00

**TUESDAY, APRIL 23**  
 (Softball)  
 Luverne at Elba 4:00  
 Zion Chapel at Kinston (DH) 4:00  
 G.W. Long at New Brocton (DH) 4:00

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24**  
 (Baseball)  
 State Playoffs - Opening Round

**THURSDAY, APRIL 25**  
 (Softball)  
 Elba at Opp 3:30  
 Zion Chapel at Florala (DH) 3:30  
 New Brocton at Houston Acad. (DH) 3:30  
 Kinston at Arizon (DH) 4:00

## SPORTS

Go undefeated in four games

## Lady Tigers win Samson tournament

The Elba Lady Tigers completed their undefeated run in the Samson Invitational tournament last week-end and posted four straight wins to bring home the championship trophy in the eight-team event.

The wins gave the Lady Tigers a five-game winning streak and topped their record on the season to 5-7.

Following are tournament highlights:

## ELBA 7 SAMSON 6

Greta Robinson scored the winning run on a wild-pitch in the bottom of the seventh inning as the Lady Tigers opened the tournament with an exciting 7-6 win over Samson. Samantha Williams had drawn a walk earlier in the inning, stole second and moved to third on a wild pitch - Robinson pinch ran for Williams after she was struck by the ball at third, and scored the

winning run. Rachel Bludsworth had two hits, including a triple, to lead Elba at the plate, while Samantha Williams and Courtney Pelham both added 2 hits. Haleigh Duncan, Lacy Carlile and Devri Kilcrease all added 1 hit.

Stephanie Baxley was the winning pitcher as she pitched seven innings and allowed 3 hits, 3 walks and struck out 8 batters.

## ELBA 8 H. HOME 1

The Lady Tigers pulled ahead early and never looked back in an easy 8-1 win over Highland Home. The Lady Tigers, which took advantage of 11 walks, jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the top of the first and coasted in with the win. LaGina Mack ripped a triple to lead Elba at the plate, while Michelle Carpenter and Rachel Bludsworth both added doubles and Casey

Skinner added a single. Hannah Martin pitched 3 and 1/3 innings for the Lady Tigers and allowed no hits and 3 walks, while Stephanie Baxley pitched 3 2/3 innings and allowed 1 hit and 1 walk, while striking out 2 batters.

## ELBA 4 WICKSBURG 7

The Lady Tigers spotted Wicksburg an early 4-0 lead and then came roaring back to down the Lady Panthers 7-4 in the finals of the winners' bracket. Elba cut the lead in half at 4-2 in the second inning and then plated three runs in the third to take the lead for good. Lacy Carlile had 2 hits and 2 stolen bases to lead the Lady Tigers, while Deann Smith added 2 singles. Casey Skinner had a triple, Jessica Danford added a double, and Rachel Bludsworth and Devri Kilcrease both had singles. Stephanie Baxley got the

win as she pitched seven innings and allowed 3 hits and 6 walks, while striking out 6 batters.

## ELBA 11 W'BURG 3

The Lady Tigers pulled ahead early and never looked back to down Wicksburg 11-3 to claim the championship of the tournament. A big five-run third inning gave the Lady Tigers breathing room, and they simply pulled away to take the top prize. Rachel Bludsworth had 2 doubles and a single to lead Elba at the plate, while Lacy Carlile added a triple and two singles and Haleigh Duncan had a two-run homer and a single. Casey Skinner added a triple and a single, and LaGina Mack and Samantha Williams both had one hit. Stephanie Baxley was the winning pitcher as she tossed seven innings and allowed five hits, 2 walks and struck out 9 batters.

BRITTANY DANIELS...rips a base hit in recent Lady Tiger action. The Lady Tigers claimed five straight wins last week to snap a long losing streak and improve their record to 5-7 on the season.

## Lady Tigers post 16-1 win

The Elba Lady Tigers grabbed their first win of the season Thursday afternoon with an easy 16-1 romp past the Highland Home Lady Squadron in Highland Home.

The Lady Tigers owned a slim 2-0 lead after two innings, but erupted for eight runs in the third to take a 10-0 lead and rolled to the lopsided 16-1 win.

Leanna Suttley ripped a three-run homer and Whitney Lawford added a double to lead Elba at the plate, while Brittany Daniels, Courtney Pelham and Kaci Granham all added one hit. Stephanie Baxley got the win on the rubber as she pitched five innings and allowed 4 hits, 3 walks and struck out 3 batters.

Elba Parks & Recreation  
BASEBALL & SOFTBALL  
SCHEDULES

## BASEBALL

Tee-Ball Baseball  
 (H-W Park, Field #3)

## Monday, April 22

6:00 - Giants vs. Phillies  
 Tuesday, April 23  
 6:00 - Phillies vs. Giants

## Coach-Pitch Baseball

(H-W Park, Field #1)

## Thursday, April 18

6:00 - Reds vs. Rockies  
 7:30 - New Brocton vs. Dodgers

## Tuesday, April 23

6:00 - Rockies vs. New Brocton  
 7:30 - Dodgers vs. Reds

## Dixie Minor &amp; Dixie Youth

(Elba games at Legion Field)

## Saturday, April 20

In Samson,  
 10:00 - Kinston vs. ZC Black  
 12:00 - Samson Braves vs. New Brocton

## Monday, April 22

In Elba,  
 6:00 - Astros vs. ZC Black  
 7:45 - Pirates vs. New Brocton  
 In Zion Chapel,  
 6:00 - ZC Red vs. Marlins  
 7:45 - Zion Chapel vs. Indians  
 Tuesday, April 23  
 In Elba,  
 6:00 - Cardinals vs. Kinston  
 7:45 - Rays vs. Zion Chapel  
 In Samson,  
 6:00 - Samson Braves vs. Samson Pirates  
 7:45 - Samson D'Backs vs. Kinston

## Dixie Belles Softball

(Elba games at Elba High)

## Thursday, April 18

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 6:30 - New Brocton vs. Devil Rays  
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## Bass tourney and fun day set for April 20 at Lake Frank Jackson

The Opp Jaycees have announced plans for its annual Bass Tournament at Lake Frank Jackson, located in Opp. The annual tournament will be a benefit for the Children's Hospital of Alabama, and will be held on April 20. Entry fee is \$60 per boat and a \$10 big fish pot is also available. Launch time will be 6:00 AM, and all must have their boats in the water and ready to go by the 6:00 deadline. First prize is \$500, while second prize is \$300 and third prize \$200. Weigh in time is 3:00 PM. The Opp Jaycees will also be sponsoring a Family Fun Day on the day of the tournament between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM, at the Lake Frank Jackson Park. All proceeds will go to the Opp Jaycee Relay for Life team. There will be spoon and egg races, three-legged races, water balloon toss, horse and buggy rides and lots more fun for the children. Everyone is invited to pack a lunch and their boat in the water and ready to go by the 6:00 deadline. 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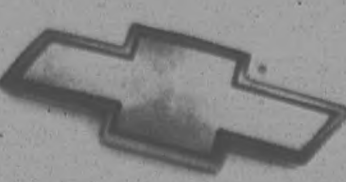




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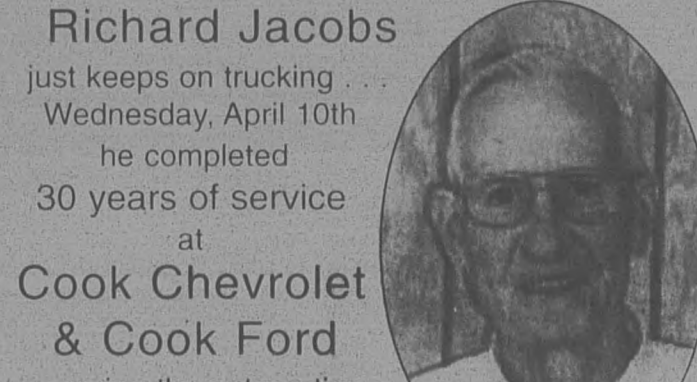
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## Commission approves additional \$7,500 to keep emergency medical service provider

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Even though the members debated for quite some time, the Coffee County Commission agreed Monday morning, April 22, to meet the needs of its current emergency medical service provider.

During a previous meeting of the commission, Coffee County Board director Charlie Webb agreed to search for a solution surrounding the emergency medical service for the citizens of Coffee County. It was brought to the attention of the commissioners that Coffee County EMS, which holds the current contract for the county's emergency medical service, had been losing money and possibly would not be able to complete

the current contract.

Webb said he looked at the situation from three different points.

First, he said he tried to determine if the company was losing money, and he said the records did indeed indicate that Coffee County EMS is losing approximately \$4,000 per month.

Second, Webb said he looked at other options which included him talking with four other emergency service providers. However, he said none of those companies seemed to offer a feasible solution.

Finally, he said he looked at what it would take to keep Coffee County EMS going. He said the company's representatives originally indicated that it would take a reliable operating

vehicle and \$6,000 per month in additional funds to allow EMS to make it to the end of the fiscal year.

Webb said he did not find this to be a feasible solution either, therefore, he began looking at alternatives.

With Coffee County EMS servicing the City of Elba and Coffee County through a contract, Webb said he worked with Elba Mayor James Grimes in finding a feasible solution.

Webb said the City of Elba already supplies Coffee County EMS with a vehicle as part of the service contract, but that vehicle has many miles on it and is not considered reliable.

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## During Elba City Council meeting Citizens voice complaints over vicious dogs

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

A group of angry Elba citizens were on hand Monday evening voicing complaints to the Elba City Council about vicious dogs in their neighborhood.

Carolyn Butcher acted as spokesperson for the group of Kinston Highway residents who all said they had experienced problems with dogs either biting them or threatening to bite. Butcher told the council that none of them could get out in the yard because of the continuing danger. She said the neighbors were scared every time they went to their cars, as one or more of the dogs might slip up behind them unannounced. She added that many of the residents like to get out and walk, but the fear of the vicious dogs prevents them from getting this exercise. A man out walking received bites in an encounter with one of the animals recently, and several of those present said they feel real lucky that they hadn't suffered the same painful experience.

"The police have been called," Butcher said. "But the owners quickly puts the dogs up before the police can get there."

She said there is one pit bull and the others are just dogs. There are at least two owners of these animals, according to several of the citizens.

Most of those present Monday night told personal stories of bad experiences with the animals on one or more occasions.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth said they had sent the animal control officer to the area on several occasions when he saw the complaints of dogs running loose

were received, but there would be no animals out when he got there. He added that if it became necessary to arrest a dog owner, officers must do that after a complaint has been signed. While the animal control officer can sign such a complaint if he witnessed a violation of the law, a resident of the neighborhood who has seen the bad dog in action can also sign a complaint and the police can then follow up with the arrest. Several of those present quickly said they would be signing such a complaint the next time the dogs bothered them or were seen running loose in the neighborhood.

Whitworth added that he was working with the city council to get a "vicious animal ordinance" passed in Elba to prohibit the keeping of animals such as the one which bit Animal Control Officer George Homyak several weeks ago. Homyak is undergoing additional surgery this week to repair leg damage caused by that encounter.

The council voted to move the May 27th council meeting to Tuesday, May 28th, due to the Memorial Day holiday.

Mayor James Grimes gave a quick review of the financial statement and noted that the sales tax receipts for the last three months exceeded the receipts for the previous three

months by an average of about \$11,000 per month. While this period included the Christmas shopping season, the continued increase could be signs the local economy is rebounding.

Grimes said. At the same time, most department heads have kept expenses well within the budgeted amount, he added.

City Clerk W. A. Y. Grantham told council members that the new moving machine has been received and is ready for use. He said also that bids are coming in on the city-owned houses that are being sold to be moved.

Grimes introduced a resolution at the request of the Downtown Redevelopment Authority, naming 15 people to their board of directors. Unanimously named to serve staggered terms on this board are Rhonda Brunson, Ashley Johnson, Jimmy Harrison, Wayne Lawford, Kaye Whitworth, Henrietta Grimes, Jack E. Brunson, David Bandstra, Pat Powell, Jamie Whitworth, Van McCall, Daniel Stephens, Cathy Young, Linda Hodge and Betty Cox.

Several council members requested an official work session, and it was agreed this would be held in city hall on Monday evening, April 29th, at 5 p.m.

## Fire destroys house in Victoria community



Traffic was detoured along Alabama Highway 125 in the Victoria community Monday, April 22, as emergency personnel tended to a house fire. The fire was reported shortly after 11 a.m. and completely destroyed the home which is located just north of Thomas Grocery in Victoria. Firefighters from Fire Star, Zion Chapel and the Elba fire departments responded to the scene and remained there for several hours as they controlled the blaze. However, it was already beyond saving when the firefighters arrived on the scene. The house, which had been used as a rental house in the past, was unoccupied at the time of the fire. Also responding to the scene to provide assistance were deputies from the Coffee County Sheriff's Department and a unit from Coffee County EMS.

## New partnership sending message to students

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Education, business, and industry in Coffee County recently joined forces to form a partnership designed to provide a strong link between academics and the workplace.

"I think this is the first time we have had all three boards of education in Coffee County and the extension service working together on a project," said Sandra Colley, extension coordinator for the Coffee County

Extension office. In 1977, the National Business Council began a program called "Making Academics Count," and Coffee County's new partnership follows this basic principle to improve student achievement and develop graduates that are dependable and contributing employees in the workplace.

Colley said Stanley Walker has been hired by the extension service on a part-time basis to provide the transcripts in a timely manner at no cost to the students, and grades, attendance and tardy records are the core of the transcript request.

He said a record of school attendance is more than a piece of paper, and potential employers will get a better idea of what kind of student they have in front of them.

"This is also a means of educating the business community," said Danny Weeks, superintendent of the Elba City School System. "We are informing the public of the types of programs and diplomas we offer."

As this program evolves, the partners will contact businesses and ask them to sign a resolution indicating their endorsement of the program in helping to send a message to the students and young people that academics do count.

"Employers can help us show students what they did for 12 years in high school matters in the work force," Ingram said.

Walker said the program is a new program that many people do not know about yet, but this group of partners is committed to the program and excited about its possibilities.

## NEWS BRIEF

The Coffee County Water Authority took over the Curtis Water Authority earlier this year, and Tuesday morning, board members assumed responsibility for an ongoing project when they accepted a low bid for a contract that the state department of transportation is overseeing to move some water lines in Curtis community due to the Hwy. 84 road construction.

The contract was officially awarded to CB Developers of Mississippi in the amount of \$124,341.73.

The contractor is expected to begin work soon; however, no one's water supply should be affected by this project as the new water lines will be placed before the old ones are removed.

## Area Happenings

### COUNTY SCHOOLS KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Coffee County Schools announce Kindergarten registration on the following dates: Zion Chapel Elementary School - April 29; New Brockton Elementary School - April 30; Kinston Elementary School - May 1. Registration will take place between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. In order to enter kindergarten a child must be age five on or before Sept. 2, 2002. The children must attend to participate in the vision, hearing and speech screening. Bring to registration an original copy of the following: birth certificate, social security card, and immunization record. To obtain records the Coffee County Health Department holds an Immunization Clinic the first and third Tuesdays of each month. For more information concerning registration, contact the principal of the school.

**DARE GRADUATION** The Elba Elementary School's D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program will hold its annual graduation ceremony Friday, May 3, at 9 a.m. in the school's cafeteria.

**FOOD DRIVE** The U.S. Postal Service will be having its annual food drive Saturday, May 11. All nonperishable goods should be placed in a bag and tied on mailboxes. All food will be donated to Human Resource Development Corporation in Elba.

## \*NOTICE\*

The Coffee County Health Initiative will wrap-up soon. Initially, there were approximately 75 teams, but many have not reported their miles walked or number of pounds lost.

All team captains should report this information to the Coffee County Extension Office by calling 894-5296, 894-6138 or fax 894-5345.

The grand finale for the Elba team will be Friday, May 3, from 5:30-7 p.m. A nutritious meal will be served on the courthouse square, and then all teams will walk together on the mile marked downtown.

**DQ GETS NEW LOOK** After being closed for approximately one month, the Elba Dairy Queen reopened last week with a completely new look on the inside. Owners Sam and Betty Cooper closed the restaurant for a short period of time for renovations, and Elba welcomed them back to business last week. The "new" Dairy Queen has room for more dine-in customers, and the work space was also upgraded. Last Friday morning, the Elba Chamber of Commerce officially recognized the business and its recent improvements with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Those present for the ribbon cutting included (from left) Kenneth Cullison, Tony Jones, Junior Miss Elba Lindsay Lawford, Jimmy Harrison, Doris Matthews, Betty Cooper - owner, Future Little Miss Elba Sarah Bryan, Barry Giles, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Jerry Kelley, Sam Cooper - owner, Steve Wyrosdick, Little Miss Elba Brinley Williams, Destiny Hudson, R.W. Whitworth, Miss Elba Shay Johnson, Herby McCall and Kaye Whitworth - executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce.